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GAMING MACHINES WITH A
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Examiner: Y. Cherubin

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge (37 CFR 1.97(c)). Consequently, our check in the amount of \$180.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), no copies of the U.S. patents and publications listed on the Form PTO-1449 (modified) are attached. Copies of the non-U.S. publications are attached.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 29757/AG32-CIP. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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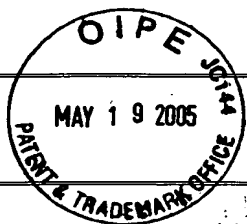
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